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the nature is of the research that is being carried on by the Research Engineer? Is it the intention of Government to revolutionize the agricultural implements?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"The improvement of ploughs, water lifts and things of that kind are being attended to by the Research Engineer."

Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI:—"Is it not the duty of the ordinary Deputy Directors, instead of the special officer to attend to this work?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"The engineering aspect of the matter is attended to by the Engineer, and sales and so on are attended to by Deputy Directors."

Recruitment of Agricultural Demonstrators since 1930.

* 569 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Agricultural Demonstrators have been recruited in each year since 1930;

(*b*) what the communitywar and districtwar strength is in each year; and

(*c*) what the number is of vacancies that occurred in each of the years?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Thirty-six agricultural demonstrators have been recruited since 1930. Of these, ten were promoted from the Lower Subordinate service and the rest were direct recruits. A statement [a] giving particulars of the demonstrators recruited during the years 1930–35 according to the community and district is enclosed.

(*c*) The number of vacancies of agricultural demonstrators that occurred in each of the years since 1930 is given below:—

Year.	Permanent vacancies.	Temporary vacancies continued from.
1930	8	..
1931	..	..
1932	..	6
1933	..	9
1934	1	9
1935	27	14
Total ..	36	38

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—"In the answer it is stated that only 36 demonstrators have been recruited since 1930; of these only 10 have been promoted from the Lower Subordinate Service whereas the other 26 have been recruited direct. May I know whether it is not a fact that there is dissatisfaction in the Subordinate Service in regard to this?"

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a Printed as Appendlix IV on page 122 infra.

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The Hon Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" Certain number of posts are reserved for promotion from the Lower Subordinate Service, and certain number for direct recruitment."

Mr. G. R. Premayya :—" It seems only ten are promoted and no more?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" Yes, as I have already stated, certain number of vacancies are reserved for promotion from the Lower Subordinate Service and certain others for direct recruitment."

Special varieties of seeds for famine zones.

*-570 *Q.*—G. Rameswara Rao: " Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any special seeds for dry and wet crops have been developed so as to withstand the fickle weather of the famine zone;

(*b*) if so, what they are and whether they are available in any depots for sale in Anantapur district; and

(*c*) if they are not available in Anantapur, whether they can be got elsewhere before the next sowings commence?

A.—(*a*) Special seeds for dry crops have been evolved by the Department of Agriculture to withstand the weather conditions of the famine zone. As regards wet crops no weather-proof variety has so far been isolated.

(*b*) & (*c*) (1) *Ragi strain E.C.* 593 may be grown in paddy lands when water is not sufficient for a paddy crop. It is also about ten days shorter in duration than the local ragi and has done well in Hindupur and Kadiri taluks, giving a 20 per cent increase in yield over the local variety of ragi. In adverse seasons the yield is not likely to fall below the normal. Over 30,000 lb. of this seed are in stock in the Central Farm, Coimbatore, and are available for sale.

(2) *K.* 23 is a local selection of korra. Though still in the experimental stage, small quantities of this selected seed will be available for sale from depots in Bellary and Anantapur districts during the ensuing season.

(3) *The Saloum variety of groundnut* is resistant to drought. Seeds may be obtained from the Oil Seeds Specialist, Coimbatore, or the Deputy Director of Agriculture, III Circle, Bellary, during the next season.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao :—" In the answer it is stated that these special varieties of seeds are available for sale at the Central Farm, Coimbatore. May I know why these seeds are not stocked in the famine zone of Anantapur itself?"